

Crew Chief Paints Camp Cooke Yellow

By Sgt. Merrion LaSonde
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CAMP COOKE- It is only 98 degrees outside, but the temperature reflecting off the asphalt tarmac makes it feel like 110 degrees, still, Spc. Delvin Goode smiles. Many splashes of yellow paint adorn his coveralls reflecting his sunny personality and demeanor.

Goode is with the Company D "Outlaws", of 2nd Battalion, 227th Aviation Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team. Aside from his every day job as a Blackhawk helicopter mechanic, he is also an accomplished artist with a bachelor's degree in that subject from Florida State University.

"The sergeant major asked me to paint a mural," Goode said. The mural he painted stretches across several concrete barriers located on the airfield at Camp Cooke. It includes the logos of several First Team aviation groups including the new "Outlaw"

logo redesigned by Goode.

"When I was an orderly room clerk back at Fort Hood, I let the first sergeant know that I had some artistic talent," Goode said. The original Delta

Co. logo "was just a black bird." He created the Stetson-wearing gunslinger "because we are the 'Outlaws'."

Goode hails from a long line of military service mem-

bers. "My father is a retired Air Force First Sergeant," Goode said. "My sister is a Petty Officer 3rd Class in the Navy

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A mural painted by Spc. Delvin Goode of D Company, 2nd Battalion, 227th Aviation Regiment adorns a wall at Camp Cooke in Taji, Iraq. His next project is to paint the world's largest unit patch.

Operation AC:

Delaware Woman Gives Troops Cool Support

By Spc. Marie Whitney
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Summers in Iraq get extremely hot. Temperatures can reach 140 degrees Fahrenheit during the day. Just standing outside for a few moments is enough to have a person drenched in sweat. And as if that wasn't bad enough,

imagine working in that heat with no air conditioner to come home to at the end of the day. That is the issue that Frankie Mayo of Delaware has been trying to fix.

Mayo's son, Cpl. Chris Tomlinson of the 300th Military Police Co., wrote to his mom while he was stationed

in Iraq. "Hey mom. Yeah, I'm okay. It's hot as hell here. Last week the temp reached 143 [degrees]. My platoon said they would be very grateful if you guys sent us air conditioners."

Frankie did just that. She gave an air conditioner to her son. But she didn't limit her kindness only to her son. She

started to send air conditioners to as many units stationed in Iraq and Afghanistan as she could. This was the beginning of Operation Air Conditioner.

Since then, the non-profit organization has escalated to more than just air conditioners.

"We send Soldiers any-

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Blackhawk Mechanic, Artist Decorates Camp Cooke

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and I have a lot of uncles and cousins who are Marines." However, prior to the September 11 attacks, the 26-year-old Ft. Walton Beach, Fla. native had no intention of joining the military.

"I went to FSU and got my degree intending to go into business with my brother," he

said. "We opened a commissioned art business together, but then 9/11 happened. My sister got deployed so I decided to join up, too."

Being a Blackhawk mechanic and creating works of art are just two items on Goode's seemingly endless list of lifetime goals.

"I find out in about a week whether or not I am going to OCS," Goode said. "I am waiting on the board. I was told 'get a degree, be a pilot'. I come from a long line of non-commissioned officers, but no commissioned officers."

As an officer, Goode also plans to apply his 'can do' attitude to the administrative side of the military house. "I want to be [an officer in the quartermaster corps]. Back at [Fort] Hood, I had the opportunity to help some Soldiers get some things they needed. I saw how the administrative process affects

the Soldiers and that is where I want to be, at first."

When Goode has completed all of his accomplishments in the military, he plans to return to teaching. He taught college level art classes at FSU and visually impaired high

school kids before joining the military.

"I got into teaching blind kids because I realized I had never seen any artwork from the blind," Goode said.

One of his friends was working with the blind and Goode asked one of the teachers if he could teach them how to paint.

"Once she found out I was serious, I would go over there once a week, stretch huge canvases for them and teach them about colors," Goode said. "I would put stuff on the canvas, like sand and beads, to give them some textures to work with. It was the most fun I ever

had painting."

He explained that teaching art to the blind and military command fit perfectly into what he likes doing most; helping people realize they can do things that they never thought was possible.

"I was told that I wasn't eligible for OCS and that it wasn't the way to go," Goode said. "If I had listened, I wouldn't be waiting for the board."

While he is waiting to check off another item on his list of lifetime goals, Goode is covering Camp Cooke in First Team yellow.

"If it stays in one place long enough, it gets a patch," he said.



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In addition to keeping Blackhawk helicopters running, SPC. Delvin Goode, D Co, 2nd Bn., 227th Aviation Regt., hopes to paint the world's largest 1st Cavalry Division unit patch.

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-SPC Delvin Goode, Blackhawk helicopter mechanic, D Co., 2-227 Avn.

Today in Cav History



1944 - The Admiralty Islands campaign officially ended. Japanese casualties stood at 3,317 killed.

1966 - SSG Jimmy G. Stewart, B-2/12 Cavalry earns the Medal of Honor.

Useful Iraqi Words/Phrases

I do not speak Arabic.

A-nee ma-aar-af aH-chee aara-bee.

Tuesday

High: 94
Low: 67



Wednesday

High: 95
Low: 69



Thursday

High: 97
Low: 70



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Operation Air Conditioner Supports Soldiers

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thing they e-mail us and ask for," Mayo said. The types of things that Soldiers tend to ask for are hygiene products, games, DVDs, magazines, books, candy and snacks.

Through Operation AC, Mayo is also sending Soldiers new boots. "I have found that the two pairs of boots [they] are given for their deployment are just about falling off their feet," she said.

Soldiers can go to the Operation AC website, <http://mywebpages.comcast.net/frankiemayo/>, and simply fill out the 'I am a Soldier' form. The Soldier should receive a new pair of Altama Ripple Sole desert boots, along with anything else they requested.

"It is my hope that we make their existence in Iraq during their deployment as safe and as easy on them as possible given the job they are there to do," said Mayo.

There are also ways that family members and friends at home can help. They can go to the 'Send my Soldier an Air Conditioner' form and include the Soldier's information along with some information on the family member. This will get the Soldier on the list for an air

conditioner.

For citizens that don't know a deployed Soldier, they can use the 'Adopt-a-Soldier' form. With this form, the adopter will be sent the name and address of a soldier deployed to the Middle East. With this info they can send letters and packages directly to the Soldier they adopted.

Operation AC also accepts donations of supplies to send to the Soldiers. Their address is: Operation Air Conditioner, 560 Peoples Plaza, Box 121, Newark Del. 19702. Send any questions to soldierhelp@operationac.com.

"As a military family, we never forget our troops or the sacrifices they make," Mayo said.

"My son and daughter-in-law are [both] MPs. In the Military Police Code of Ethics it states, 'I will strive to merit the respect of others, seeking no favor because of position, but instead, the satisfaction of a mission accomplished and a job well done.' I like that very much and for me, these are words that I live by as well," Mayo continued. "As civilians, we owe our military respect and support for the many sacrifices they make to protect and

defend the very freedoms we enjoy every day. Each day as I put out my American flag, and each evening as I remove her at sunset, I pray to God and I ask Him to protect our troops from harm and bring them back home when their mission is finished."



News Journal

Home Depot lot attendant James Moore helps Frankie Mayo get air conditioners destined for Iraq into her van. Home Depot is a major corporate sponsor of Operation Air Conditioner, donating hundreds of air conditioners to send to Soldiers serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Today in History May 18

► From historychannel.com

1860 Abraham Lincoln nominated for presidency
1863 The siege of Vicksburg commences
1898 U.S. Supreme Court rules in *Plessy v. Ferguson*
1927 Grauman's Chinese Theater opens on Hollywood Boulevard. Cecil B. DeMille's *The King of Kings* is the first film shown
1980 At 8:32 a.m. PDT, Mount St. Helens, a volcanic peak in southwestern Washington, suffers a massive eruption, killing 57 people and devastating some 210 square miles of wilderness
1989 One million protesters take to the streets in Beijing, calling for a more democratic political system in China
1995 Elizabeth Montgomery, the star of the TV series *Bewitched*, dies on this day at age 62

FIRST TEAM

SAFETY TIP

Acting Safely is...

- An attitude, not a checklist
- A 24-hour-a-day job
- Everyone's responsibility
- Protecting our resources



Asian Pacific American Heritage Celebrated at Camp Victory



Photos by Cpt. Mitch Zornes, 122nd MPAD

(Left) Capt. Elizabeth Evans, HHC Engineer Brigade commander, first place female runner with a time of 21:51 and SPC. Steven Philips, 1st Cavalry Division G6 Section, first place male runner with a run time of 17:15 congratulate each other after completing the Victory North's Asian Pacific Heritage Month 5K fun run on May 15.

(Below) The traditional Hula dance was performed at Victory

North's Asian Pacific Heritage Celebration May 15.

(Right) Participants at Victory North making last minute adjustments and stretching in preparation for the 5K run at the Asian Pacific Heritage Month fun run.



Scores MLB



AMERICAN LEAGUE

Chicago(1) at Cleveland (5) - Game delayed due to rain in the bottom of the fifth inning

Minnesota 9
Toronto 5

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Colorado 7
Philadelphia 6



NHL

CONFERENCE FINALS

(Best of 7 series)

Eastern Conference

Tampa Bay (Tuesday)
Philadelphia
(Series tied 2-2)

Western Conference

Calgary (Monday)
San Jose
(Series tied 2-2)

TV GUIDE

	AFN ATLANTIC	AFN PACIFIC	AFN Sports	AFN Spectrum
18:00	Lizzie McGuire/ All That!	Tonight Show with Jay Leno/ The Late Show with David Letterman	NHRA Auto Racing - Summit Racing Equipment Southern Nationals: Final Round	Cinema Secrets/ Ebert & Roeper At The Movies
19:00	Jeopardy/ Headline News	Access Hollywood 19:30	SportsCenter	The Wild Thornberrys/ Spongebob Squarepants
20:00	ESPNews/ Headline News	Bridge on the River Kwai	ESPNews/ Baseball Tonight	The Simpsons/ The Cosby Show
21:00	7th Heaven		Motorcycle Racing	American Idol 3: The Final Three
22:00	Maid in Manhattan		NHL Playoffs - Conf. Finals Gm 5: Calgary Flames @ San Jose Sharks	ER